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**Parliamentary Advisory Group concludes that CCS has a critical role to play in the lowest cost decarbonisation for the UK**

The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA) welcomes the launch of the Parliamentary Advisory Group on CCS report “*Lowest Cost Decarbonisation for the UK: The Critical Role of CCS*”. The Advisory Group is chaired by Lord Oxburgh, and members include representatives from all the main political parties, as well as a number of academic and industrial organisations.

*Dr. Luke Warren, Chief Executive of the CCSA, commented:*

“We very much welcome the report and agree with its conclusion that an effective UK CCS programme is essential to deliver the lowest cost decarbonisation to the consumer.

The Advisory Group is right to point out the importance of CCS across the UK economy: CCS works and can compete on costs with other forms of low-carbon electricity; whilst the development of CCS infrastructure must be a central element of any industrial strategy that seeks a long-term future for energy intensive industries. The report also shows how CCS infrastructure can be utilised to help meet some of the other major challenges we face such as cost-effectively reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from heating.

Today’s report recommends a six point plan for delivering an ambitious CCS programme in the UK. It is now down to Government to consider these recommendations in the context of its forthcoming Emissions Reduction Plan and move quickly to deliver a successful new approach to CCS in the UK”.

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**Notes to Editors:**

1. On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016, the Parliamentary Advisory Group on CCS will publish the report "*Lowest Cost Decarbonisation for the UK: The Critical Role of CCS*". The report can be found [here](#).
2. CCS has a vital role to play in meeting the UK's climate change targets at least cost. The Committee on Climate Change has concluded that CCS "*could almost halve the cost of meeting the 2050 target in the Climate Change Act*". CCS is also the only technology available that allows deep decarbonisation in energy intensive industries, and is therefore crucial in enabling a long-term sustainable future for these important industries.
3. The Carbon Capture and Storage Association exists to represent the interests of its members in promoting the Business of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS). The Association works to raise awareness, both in the UK and internationally, of the benefits of CCS as a viable climate change mitigation option, and the role of CCS in moving towards a low-carbon global economy.

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